



Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

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MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2018 (1:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

MID CONFERENCE ROOM 3A

Conference Call info:

(877) 873-8018

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The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions.

The following members of the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers Groundwater Basin Association Groundwater Sustainability Agency (STRGBA GSA) were present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	John Davids (Coordinator)
City of Modesto:	Miguel Alvarez
City of Riverbank:	Michael Riddell
Oakdale Irrigation District:	Eric Thorburn (by phone)
City of Waterford:	Karen Morgan
Stanislaus County:	Walter Ward
City of Oakdale:	Michael Renfrow

Other Attendees:

Public:	Nick Blom, MID Board Member
	Ryan Honnette
	Jason Preece (DWR)
	Joe Choperena, Sustainable Conservation
	Glen Low, The Earth Genome
Tuolumne County:	Liz Peterson (by phone)
Modesto Irrigation District (MID):	Jennifer Wright
	Gordon Enas

2. Business from the Public

Preece announced that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is offering technical support services to GSA's as they develop their Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP). The support services include installation of monitoring wells, training to monitor groundwater levels, downhole video logging, etc. Preece also stated the assistance does not include grant funds, but rather technical services provided through a DWR service contract. The primary focus of the program is directed toward critically over drafted basins, but high-priority basins can also apply if funding is available. Information

- [City of Modesto](#) • [City of Oakdale](#) • [City of Riverbank](#) • [City of Waterford](#) •
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on the program is available at <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>. MID will take the lead on reviewing [applicability to the STRGBA and will report back to the STRGBA member agencies.](#)

3. Approve 6/13/18 Meeting Minutes [Action item]

Thorburn moved, 2nd by Alvarez to approve 6/13/18 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

4. Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT)

Joe Choperena and Glen Low gave a presentation on the Groundwater Recharge Assessment Tool (GRAT). Enas will contact TID and Todd Groundwater for feedback on GRAT and report back to the STRGBA member agencies.

5. Final Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED), Bay-Delta Plan Update [Action item]

Riddell moved, 2nd by Ward authorizing Coordinator to submit comments on the SED to the State Water Resource Control Board on behalf of STRGBA GSA. Comments due July 27, 2018. Coordinator agreed to keep the STRGBA member agencies in the loop and get them a draft of the comment letter as soon as possible.

6. Cost Sharing Agreement

No further changes to agreement. Alvarez reported that City of Modesto will vote on Agreement at the August 14, 2018 City Council meeting.

7. Next Meeting

August 8th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Modesto Irrigation District

8. Items too later for agenda

None

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:57 p.m.